

**City of Reading City Council  
Special Meeting  
Monday, September 16, 2013**

Council President Francis G. Acosta called the Special Meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council President Acosta  
Councilor Corcoran, District 1  
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2  
Councilor Sterner, District 3  
Councilor Marmarou, District 4  
Councilor Reed, District 5  
Councilor Waltman, District 6  
City Solicitor C. Younger  
City Clerk L. Kelleher  
Managing Director C. Snyder  
City Auditor D. Cituk  
Mayor V. Spencer

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one was registered to address Council.

**MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE**

Mayor Spencer read the budget message distributed to Council with the proposed 2014 budget. In summary he stated that the proposed 2014 budget totals \$82.5M in revenues and expenses, compared to the approved 2013 budget which totaled \$76.9M. He stated that the budget retains the current real estate tax rate and reduces the Resident and Commuter EIT. He stated that the increase in fire personnel is covered through the SAFER grant and that the current police manning level has been retained. He stated that the budget includes \$1M in IT upgrades.

Mayor Spencer stated that the following personnel adjustments are included in the 2014 Budget:

- Addition of two (2) clerks in the Customer Service Center
- Addition of a Business Analyst in the Managing Director's Office
- Addition of a Communications Specialist in the Mayor's Office
- Addition of two (2) part-time clerks in the tax area of the Customer Service Center to focus on the collection of Business Privilege Tax

Mayor Spencer stated that the budget increases funding for the Reading Public Library and

adds a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance unit in the EMS Division.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES**

Council President Acosta read the following ordinances into the record:

**Ordinance** – 2014 Budget

**Ordinance** – 2014 Capital Program Ordinance

**Ordinance** – Property Tax Ordinance

**Ordinance** – Resident EIT

**Ordinance** – Commuter EIT

**Ordinance** – Position Ordinance

No further business was brought to the table.

**Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to adjourn the Special Meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk*